

CITY OF SUNNYVALE REPORT Planning Commission

June 27, 2005

SUBJECT: 2005-0550: Network Appliance [Applicant/Owner]:

Application for a The property is located at **1260 Crossman Drive** (near Highway 237) in a MP-TOD (Moffett Park Transit Oriented Development) Zoning District. (APN: 101-36-020):

Motion Major Moffett Park Special Development Permit to allow a

Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 51.6% where 50% is permitted by the Sunnyvale Municipal Code without a Moffett Park Special Development Permit to construct an equipment

cover.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Existing Site Conditions

2 R&D buildings at 51% FAR

Surrounding Land Uses

North Industrial/Office Park
South Industrial/Office Park
East Industrial/Office Park
West Industrial/Office Park

Issues Floor Area Ratio

Environmental

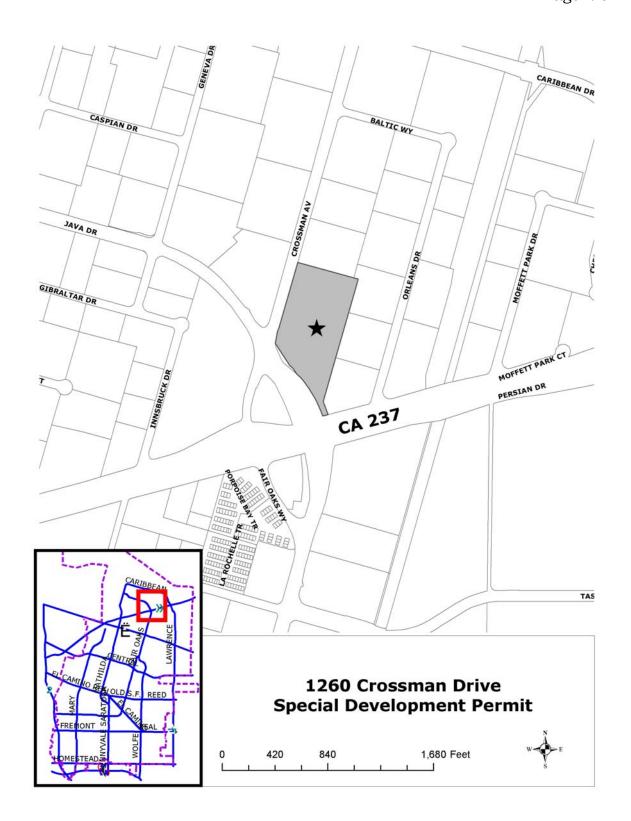
Status

A Class 11 Categorical Exemption relieves this project from California Environmental Quality Act provisions

and City Guidelines.

Staff Approve with conditions

Recommendation



PROJECT DATA TABLE

	EXISTING	PROPOSED	REQUIRED/		
	Moffett Park	Moffett Park	PERMITTED Moffett Park		
General Plan	Specific Plan	Specific Plan	Specific Plan		
Zoning District	Moffett Park Transit Oriented Development	Moffett Park Transit Oriented Development	Moffett Park Transit Oriented Development		
Lot Size (s.f.)	430,373	430,373	22,500 min.		
Gross Floor Area (s.f.)	221,112	222,166	max.		
Lot Coverage (%)	20.6	20.9	45 max.		
Floor Area Ratio (FAR)	51.3	51.6	50		
No. of Buildings On- Site	2	2	2		
Distance Between Buildings	54.2	54.2	26 min.		
Building Height (ft.)	38	38	75 max.		
No. of Stories	2/3	2/3			
Setbacks Facing Propert	Setbacks Facing Property				
Front	78	78	25 min.		
Left Side	155	155	20 min.		
Right Side	75	75	0 min.		
Rear	70	70	0 min.		
Landscaping (sq. ft.)					
Total Landscaping	105,763	105,763	90,780 min.		
Frontage Width (ft.)	20	20	15 ft. min		
% Based on Floor Area	50	50	10 min.		
Parking					
Total Spaces	685	685	430 min.		
Standard Spaces	590	590	358 min.		
Compact Spaces/ % of Total	81	81	68		

	EXISTING	PROPOSED	REQUIRED/ PERMITTED
Accessible Spaces	14	14	14 min.
Stormwater	N/A	N/A	N/A

ANALYSIS

Description of Proposed Project

The applicant proposes to cover an area of existing mechanical equipment. The increase to the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) is 0.3%. Since this site is already developed at 51.3% FAR a Moffett Park Special Development Permit is required to increase the FAR. The project is an approximately 1,054 s.f. white aluminum awning over three chillers. The entire area is already screened behind an 11'6" masonry wall. The proposed awning will not be visible from the street or within the campus except from upper story windows.

Background

Previous Actions on the Site: The following table summarizes previous planning applications related to the subject site.

File Number	Brief Description	Hearing/Decision	Date
1999-1197	Remodel building at	City	03/07/00
	51% FAR	Council/Approved	
2001-0122	Screened equipment	Staff/Approved	02/27/01
	storage area		

Environmental Review

A Class 11 Categorical Exemption relieves this project from California Environmental Quality Act provisions and City Guidelines. Class 11 Categorical Exemption includes minor structures related to industrial land uses.

Moffett Park Special Development Permit

Detailed Description of Use: The site is used for two R&D buildings. The proposal does not include a change of use, only the covering of existing equipment located behind a screen wall.

Site Layout: The site is already developed with an 8,925 s.f. equipment and storage yard. The proposed project would not affect existing buildings, parking

lot or landscape areas. The existing equipment area in question is located internal to the site, behind the existing buildings and screening.

Stormwater Management: Stormwater requirements do not apply to this project as there is not replacement of 10,000 s.f. or more of impervious surface being constructed.

Easements and Undergrounding: There are no issues with respect to easements or undergrounding for this project.

The following Guidelines were considered in analysis of the project site design.

Moffett Park Design Plan	Comments
Service areas for trash bins, utility	The proposed equipment awning is
cabinets, transformers, etc. should be	included within an established
planned and designed as an integral	ground equipment area. The area is
part of the site.	screened by a quality masonry wall
	and located behind the main
	buildings. It is not readily visible
	from the adjacent streets.
Loading areas and service yards	See previous comment.
should be located to the rear of the site	
and completely screened from view.	

Architecture: There are no architectural issues related to this project. The proposed white awning cover would not be visible either from adjacent lots or the street or from within the site except from upper story windows.

Landscaping: No landscaping is proposed or affected as a result of this project. No trees are locates in the vicinity of the project.

Parking/Circulation: No parking or circulation areas are affected by this project.

Fiscal Impact

Transportation/Park/Housing Mitigation Fees: No additional fees are required for this proposal.

No fiscal impacts other than normal fees and taxes are expected.

Public Contact

Notice of Negative Declaration and Public Hearing	Staff Report	Agenda
 Published in the <i>Sun</i> newspaper Posted on the site Twenty notices mailed to the property owners and residents within 300 ft. of the project site 	 Posted on the City of Sunnyvale's Website Provided at the Reference Section of the City of Sunnyvale's Public Library 	 Posted on the City's official notice bulletin board City of Sunnyvale's Website Recorded for SunDial

Conclusion

Discussion: Staff has no concerns with the proposed project. It is entirely screened and does not intensify employment area which is the typical concern when increased FAR is requested.

Findings and General Plan Goals: Staff was able to make the required Findings. Findings and General Plan Goals are located in Attachment A.

Conditions of Approval: Conditions of Approval are located in Attachment B.

Alternatives

- 1. Approve the Moffett Park Special Development Permit with attached conditions.
- 2. Approve the Moffett Park Special Development Permit with modified conditions.
- 3. Deny the Moffett Park Special Development Permit.

Recommendation

Recommend Alternative 1 to the City Council.

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Attachments:

- A. Recommended Findings
- B. Recommended Conditions of Approval
- C. Site and Architectural Plans
- D. Letter from the Applicant

Recommended Guidelines for Accessing Moffett Park Specific Plan Development Pool.

Staff finds that the proposed project is a small-scale request that is primarily related to the mechanical functioning of the site as opposed to the employment intensity of the site as a corporate campus; therefore, the following guidelines for accessing the development pool are not directly applicable.

- 1. Is the project is exemplary in terms of its architectural design or site design characteristics; exceed required development standards. Or mitigation monitoring program requirements?
 - The project meets City screening requirements and is constructed of quality materials.
- 2. The proposed use is desirable; however, either the use or site restrains the project from fully incorporating a whole green building.
 - The proposed use does not have opportunities to incorporate green building design techniques.
- 3. The project has distinctive positive fiscal impacts to the City for both the near term and long term.
 - The project site hosts one of Sunnyvale's larger and most recognizable employers that continues to invest significantly in development of the Moffett Park Specific Plan area.
- 4. Community benefits are included in the proposed project that are peculiar to the use or site.

This finding does not specifically apply to this project; however, the project tenant has made a permanent home in Sunnyvale's Moffett Park Specific Plan area. The related campus development located directly across the street will include employee amenities that relate to Transportation Demand Management.

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Recommended Conditions of Approval - Special Development Permit /Use Permit

In addition to complying with all applicable City, County, State and Federal Statutes, Codes, Ordinances, Resolutions and Regulations, Permittee expressly accepts and agrees to comply with the following conditions of approval of this Permit:

Unless otherwise noted, all conditions shall be subject to the review of approval of the Director of Community Development.

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- A. Project shall be in conformance with the plans approved at the public hearing(s). Minor changes may be approved by the Director of Community Development, major changes may be approved at a public hearing.
- B. The Conditions of Approval shall be reproduced on the cover page of the plans submitted for a Building permit for this project.
- C. The Moffett Park Special Development Permit for the use shall expire if the use is discontinued for a period of one year or more.
- D. The Moffett Park Special Development Permit shall be null and void two years from the date of approval by the final review authority at a public hearing if the approval is not exercised, unless a written request for an extension is received prior to expiration date.
- E. Comply with all requirements of previously approved Use Permit File Number 1999-1197.

2. EXTERIOR EQUIPMENT

- A. Any modification or expansion of unenclosed uses shall require approval from the Director of Community Development.
- B. All unenclosed materials, equipment and/or supplies of any kind shall be maintained within approved enclosure area. Any stacked or stored items shall not exceed the height of the enclosure.